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FROM

COLLONELL BRIDGES

Governer of *Warwick*-CASTLE

to a Freind of his in LONDON, Dated

the 20 of *Aprill* 1645.

Wherein is sett forth a great Victory obtained by
the said Collonell against Prince *Maurice* his
Armie on the 17 of this instant *Aprill*.



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The Letter of Collonel *Bridges*.

Sir be pleased to receave a Relation
of the Victory whereof I have now sent an Ex-
presse to the Honourable Committee of
both Kingdomes.

PRince Maurices Regiment, the Refor-
mado troope, *Collonel* Knottisfords
troope, Captaine Wilds troope, and
Captaine Gunters troope being sent by
the Prince to intercept the convoy of Powder and
Match, which I sent with the party desighned for
Gloucester, And for that end came to *Quienton* in
Gloucestershire, but finding the party had passed by
some houres before, and having intelligence that
all our horse were marched from *Warwicke*,
resolved to take the advantage to plunder the
Country, and accordingly came to *Stratford*

upon Avon, and demanded 800 pounds or they would plunder the towne; but upon the present payment of a 110 pounds, Remitted the rest, and came toward *Warwick*, and in their march swept away all the *Beasts* they mett withall, of which I haveing notice (being desirous to save the Countrey as well as I could) prevailed with Captaine *Andrewes* who was then accidentally in Towne with 80 of *Newport* Horse which were also to March to *Gloucester*, being also assisted by the committee of *Worcestershire* with 30 or 40 of Captaine *Milwards* and Captaine *Halfords* Troopes, with these and about a dozen of our owne Horse that staid behind our Troope haveing drawne foure companies out of the Towne and *Castle*, I aduanced towards the Enemie, who by this was come within two miles of *Warwicke*: haveing in *Sherborne Field* put themselves in foure considerable Boides, and sent a small party away with their plundred *Beasts*; wee lyned the hedges with our foot and faced them with our Horse neere two houres, in which time, in some loose skirmishes wee haveing killed one and tooke two or three prisoners, the Enemy drew of and being to march through

through a long lane J caused the foote to advance, and when the Reare guard tooke the lane, J desired the Horse to charge, which they did accordingly, but the enemy haveing a convenient place in the midst of the Lane to draw up a reserve, made good their owne reare, and beate our men back in some disorder but Major Castle and my selfe hastening up with the foot, and haveing almost Recovered the end of the Lane perceiving them disordered, J galloped up, and by perswasions and threats, caused the Horse to rally, and make a stand, which the enemy perceiving forbore to pursue their advantage: Whereupon I desired Major Hawksworth who was also accidentally in towne, and behaved himselfe very gallantly in the whole action that hee would hold the enemy in play with the Horse in the Lane, that Major Castle and my selfe might in the interim bring up the foot on the other side of the hedge; But the enemy perceiving our intentions, marched so with out any losse, and drew up a gaine in the next field, and we did the like, and there faced each other three or foure houres, sometimes skirmishing with small parties of Horse, and the
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foot otherwhiles sending some Musquet balls amongst them, where by the enemy received some small losse, as we did from their Carbines I haveing my Horse also short: At length I perceiving the enemies resolution to March away, there being a short Lane at the end of this Great field through which they must necessarily March: and much troubled to think of the poore Countries losse called the Officers together & told them, this was the last opportunity which if lost the Enemy would march cleare away, and therefore desired Major Hawksworth and Captaine Andrewes to be ready when the Enemies Reare guard should come to take the lane to give them a resolute charge and conceiving that if they could put them to the Rout, happily all the rest might thereby be disordered: and in case our hor should be put to the worse, I desired they would retire behinde the foot, which I would cause to advance as fast as I could to countenance them, and did not doubt through Gods blessing) but to hold up the enemy untill they should have time to rally, and be ready to give, or receive another charge, which they assenting to, and I having imparted our resolves to
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the severall divisions, caused the foot to advance which the enemy perceiving, and in a greater body then they expected, hasted to make a retreat through the lane, but in a very orderly manner. And Major Hawksworth, Captaine Andrewes, Captaine Milward and some other horse Officers according to the former conclusions took their time so right, and quitted themselves so bravely, as in their first charge they took Pitcher the Captaine of the Reformadoes, who commanded the Reer guard, and routed not only that party, but all the rest: killed about ten in the place, and in the pursuit (whereof divers were Officers and men of good quality) wounded very many, and divers mortally, tooke neere sixty prisoners, of which many very considerable, 120 horses at least, one horse colours which was all I saw in the field, or could heare of; pursued them 4 or 5 miles, recovered all the plundred beasts, and one cart load of broad cloath, and utterly scattered the remainder of them: so as the Princes Surgeon that is sent hither to take care of their wounded men, tels us he hath not knowne such a route: some flying to *Camden*, *Evesham*, *Worcester*, *Witch*, many without Hats, others without horses

horses, and few with swords, the praise of all
which be given to God, who only giveth all
victories, I rest.

Your humble Servant

I. B

This Victory was obtained Friday the 13 of April
1645



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